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## In aftermath of Boston bombings, professor holds lecture on Chechen history

Sean Frye  
staff writer

With the Boston Marathon bombings still fresh in many people's minds, K-State professor David Stone, an expert in the military history of the Soviet Union and Russia, lectured to a small group of students on Thursday evening about the history of the Chechen Republic.

The two main suspects in the Boston bombings, Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, are Chechen, and the political and military unrest surrounding that area have come under heavy scrutiny since the April 15 tragedy.

Stone was cautious in drawing a link between radical Islam in Chechnya and the Boston bombings.

"It's a little early to say," said Stone, "but there may be a link to the radicalization of the Chechen cause and what we saw from these two young men in Boston."

Stone said the mindset of Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, and his brother Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 19, is grounded in the context of radical Islam in Chechnya, which stems from the republic's

independence movement in the 1990s and 2000s. Tamerlan was fatally shot by police officers on April 19 during a manhunt in Woburn, Mass., while Dzhokhar was later taken into custody.

The two brothers are suspected of having ties to radical portions of Islam. However, Stone stopped short of saying that the unrest in Chechnya had a direct correlation to the Boston attacks.

"Clearly, these kids learned their nasty ways in the U.S.," Stone said. "It's very difficult to say without knowing more specifically. But it is fair to say that the Chechen cause, over time, has become more radical, more interested in violent interpretations of Islam. So there may be a link."

Stone also made it clear that the current

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K-State professor of military history David Stone speaks about the history of Chechnya in an Eisenhower Hall classroom on May 2.



## Water works: Art on display



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Nancy Morrow, painting and drawing instructor, pins up artwork created by her Water Media 1 students in the second story of Willard Hall on Thursday night. The medium uses water mixed with transparent watercolor, acrylic and ink.

## Regional, K-State news briefs

Austin Nichols  
news editor

### Suspect dies in attempted Houston airport shooting

A man who wielded a gun at airport patrons was shot and killed Thursday at the Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, according to CNN. The man was shot in a pre-screening area at the airport.

According to reports, the shooter had just come through the doors in Terminal B when he fired one shot into the ceiling. A Homeland Security Investigations agent was near the scene and told the man to drop his weapon. The agent then fired once at the suspect, who appeared to try to shoot himself at the same time.

CNN reported that an autopsy will determine whose bullet

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## SGA takes action in final meeting

Bridget Beran  
contributing writer

The main concerns in Thursday's final Student Governing Association meeting of the semester involved the realignment of the judicial boards for Jardine Apartments and the residence halls.

Senator Cody Kennedy, junior in education, summarized Bill 2, which would create two judicial boards, one for the residence halls and one for Jardine. Each board would only hear cases from their respective residences.

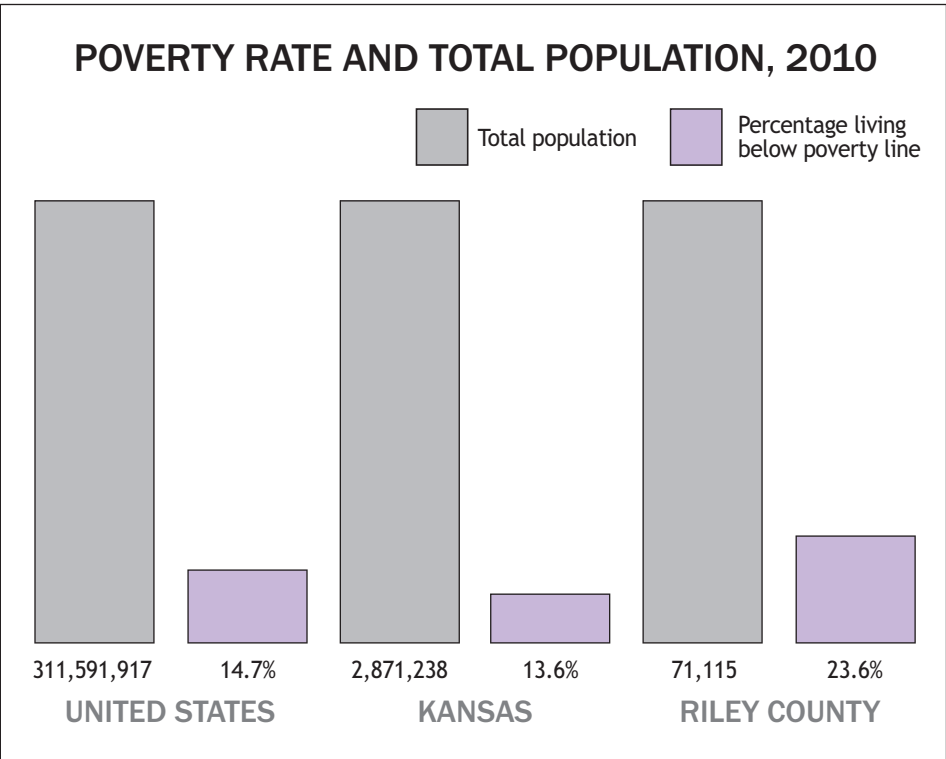
"I think this would make things a lot easier on the judicial process, in making sure that things are effective and working the way that things should be," Kennedy said.

The residence hall board would include three to five chief justices and two members from each residence hall. The Jardine board would have at least two chief justices with three members from each neighborhood.

The bill passed 53-0-1. "In the past, there was one board per hall so there'd be like six cases per year so each board would only see a case. There was no experience. There was no continued process or consistency," said SGA attorney general Ryan Reed, senior in political science.

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## Poverty statistics in Manhattan include K-State students



Morgan Huelsman  
staff writer

The rate of poverty in Riley County continues to increase, sparking concern in the Manhattan community. Statistics from the Kansas Census Bureau show that 23.6 percent of individuals in Manhattan are below the poverty level, compared to the 12.6 percent of Kansas' total population that lives under the poverty level.

These poverty guidelines are set by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. They are largely based off of a person's gross yearly or monthly income, as well as the number of people in a family.

These statistics include K-State students as well as Manhattan residents, which leads to the high poverty rate in Riley County. About 23,800 individuals are enrolled at K-State, and a total of 75,500 residents live in Riley County.

"Because we have so many residents that are students, it will show overall across the state as a lower rate of income," said Beverly Olson, executive director of Shepherd's Crossing, a local nonprofit organization. "This also means it will show a higher number of residences at poverty level."

That does not mean, however, that Manhattan residents are not affected by poverty. Although the number of local residents who are actually living in poverty may be lower than Kansas Census Bureau data suggests, many Riley County families are still in need.

Shepherd's Crossing is a nonprofit organization that

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**ARREST REPORTS**

**Wednesday, May 1**  
**Dustin Cody Collins**, of the 700 block of Fourth Street, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000.  
**Sheryl Luana French**, of the 1300 block of Pillsbury Drive, was booked for misdemeanor obstruction of the legal process and misdemeanor theft. Bond was set at \$2,000.

**Rafael Alfonso Pevy**, of Junction City, was booked for domestic battery and criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$2,000.  
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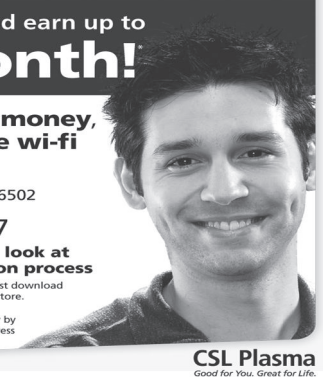
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I had friends on that Death Star.

**Dear** ignoramus who think off campus housing is an issue: I don't think the destruction of three houses and an apartment building will wreck the situation.

**How** can you compare the porn industry to the food industry? One is fantastic, the other is absolutely terrible!

If you're talking about the food industry, your source would be better if it were someone in agriculture or a person in food safety.

**Yes!** The crossword's positioned just right so I can fold the Collegian at the crease. #score

In 'Boy Meets World,' whatever happened to Sean's half-brother Eddie and his sister? Oh boy I hate plot holes.

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**"Beware** of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven." -Matthew 6:1

**I'm** glad I'm not the only one who thinks this hotel is a bad idea.

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"Hey, I hit something," said no storm trooper, ever.

--- That one hit his head when walking into the control room in the original version. I win.

I can name more people Chris Brown has thrown punches at than songs he's recorded.

--- How many of them feat. Rihanna?

**Looks** like we found the tree huggers on campus last week.

--- There is no way you found every squirrel on campus.

To whoever glued a quarter to the sidewalk in front of the Union, the blood of a family of cats will be on your hands.

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  - 3 p.m.: The Vespers of the Un-nailing
  - 6 p.m.: The Lamentations (The Orthros of Great and Holy Saturday)
- Saturday May 4 (Great and Holy Saturday)
  - 10 a.m.: The Vigil Liturgy of Pascha (Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great)
  - 11 p.m.: Midnight Office and Festal Orthros of Pascha
- Sunday May 5 (HOLY PASCHA)
  - 12:01 a.m.: Paschal Divine Liturgy (Breaking of the Great Fast follows)
  - 5 p.m.: Agape Vespers (Pot-luck supper follows)

Services listed in regular type will be offered in the chapel of St. Mary Magdalene House, 913 Riley Lane, Manhattan. Those in italic type will be offered in the Normandy Chapel, Ft. Riley. For directions to St. Mary Magdalene House and the Normandy Chapel, and for a schedule of services at other nearby Orthodox parishes, please visit [orthodoxkansas.org](http://orthodoxkansas.org).




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# Study abroad student travels to Australian island



Erica Hamman

Hello again! I have continued my travels and ventured to a little place called Phillip Island, a location about a two-hour drive from the heart of Melbourne. This was a sponsored trip through Deakin University, so they took care of all the travel arrangements and provided us with a tasty lunch and dinner.

First, we met up with our bus driver Rob, who was very friendly and accommodating throughout the trip. We made a couple of pit stops before we made it to Phillip Island, including a visit to a wildlife sanctuary in San Marino.

This sanctuary held numerous animals including koalas, kangaroos, wallabies and emus. There was even an albino kangaroo and a kangaroo that had a joey, or a baby kangaroo, in its pouch. When I was there, I found out that it is widely thought that the kangaroo and emu are on the coat of arms of Australia

because they are the only land animals that cannot walk backward, indicating this country's progressiveness.

After we cuddled with some kangaroos, we went on to Philip Island where we found a spot in the bleachers to sit and wait for the penguins to come waddling up from the sea. The instructors there told us that the penguins come in after sunset to protect themselves from predators.

The penguins were much smaller than I expected, but they were still very cute. Once the penguins came onto the beach in front of us, they scurried to their homes further inland to feed their chicks. Unfortunately, we were not allowed to take pictures of the penguins because it would scare them away.

This trip only took one day, but it will be one I remember for a lifetime. Once again, I was able to further explore Australia and understand its wildlife while getting more accustomed to my home away from home.

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*Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.*



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Erica Hamman, junior in biology and second from left, poses with a kangaroo in a wildlife sanctuary while on her way from Melbourne, Australia, to Philip Island to observe the local penguins.

## HALO salsa bests Cats' Den rival in taste, students say

Chris Powell  
contributing writer

There is now another option on campus when it comes to snacking — and this one is a little spicy. This spring, the Hispanic American Leadership Organization debuted its own brand of salsa, which is currently sold in the Cats' Den convenience store in the K-State Student Union.

"I just noticed that there was a lack of choices for salsa in the Cats' Den," said David Mejia-Zaccaro, president of HALO and junior in business management. "I wanted to do something different but to stay close to our roots."

The only other salsa offered by Cats' Den is Tostitos brand salsa, which comes in a 15.5-ounce jar.

HALO has sold more than two dozen jars in Cats' Den since the product's release in mid-March. The proceeds from the sale of the HALO salsa go to support the organization, and the shelf space was donated to the group.

To begin the process, Mejia-Zaccaro approached

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## Cinco de Mayo: a Mexican tradition

Lindsey Staab  
staff writer

For some students, this weekend will include a special celebration — this Sunday is May 5, or Cinco de Mayo. A holiday mainly celebrated in the United States and Mexico, the day has become a celebration of Mexican heritage, but it did not begin that way.

"There is a misconception that Cinco de Mayo celebrates Mexico's independence, but Mexico's independence date is Sept. 16," said Jeffrey Andrade, senior in electrical engineering and PR chair for the Hispanic American Leadership Organization.

Cinco de Mayo festivities commemorate the Mexican army's victory over France in the Franco-Mexican War in 1862. It is celebrated with street festivals, parades and mariachi music, but it is not

a federal holiday, so most places of business are still open.

Multiple student organizations at K-State will hold events in honor of the day, including a dance sponsored by the League of United Latin American Citizens, which will be held on Friday from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. at the Blue Hills Room, located at 2317 Tuttle Creek Blvd.

Many in the K-State community take part in the holiday's festivities, including those who have no Mexican heritage.

"I do not celebrate Cinco de Mayo because I am not Mexican; however, I will be attending," Andrade said.

Benjamin Torrico, associate professor of Spanish, explained that he still participates in the celebration, although he is Spanish.

"Cinco de Mayo is a specifically Mexican holiday. I am from Spain; it is not a part of

my tradition and I don't make plans for May 5," Torrico said. "However, my Mexican colleagues do and I generally have the pleasure of spending some time enjoying their company and traditions."

The Hispanic American Leadership Organization will host a soccer tournament this weekend to bring international, multicultural and other students together through a common sport to celebrate the holiday. The tournament is called Fiebre del Futbol, or Football Fever. It will start at the Peters Recreation Complex soccer fields on Friday from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and will pick up again on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

Salsarita's, located in the K-State Student Union, is holding a Cinco de Mayo Bash today for all students featuring food, piñatas and prizes from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## 25 multicultural groups housed in Union office

Eliza Scott  
contributing writer

Located on the first floor of the K-State Student Union, the Multicultural Student Organization Office is home to 25 multicultural organizations on campus. Students use the office as a "home base" for studying and gathering with other multicultural students during the school year.

According to the K-State website, the office is "committed to promoting diversity and leadership development for students of color."

"It's a place where students can come meet, work, socialize and conduct their business," said Brandon Clark, program coordinator for multicultural student organizations for the Office of Diversity.

Of the 25 multicultural student organizations house in the office, four use the office as their headquarters: the Hispanic

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# 2012-13 could be K-State's most successful year ever



At K-State, there are many things to love about the campus. Whether it is the great education, the positive atmosphere or the home-like feeling, there are many things to like about K-State. Add in one of the most successful athletic programs in the country, and there is never a dull moment on campus.



Senior high jumper **Erik Kynard** earned silver at the 2012 Olympic games and went on to set several NCAA records this season.

Before the school year had even started, Erik Kynard took silver in the high jump in the 2012 Olympics. This was just a sign of things to come.  
The sports year got off to a great



Evert Nelson | Collegian  
Senior **Collin Klein** holds the Big 12 Championship Trophy over his head after K-State beat the Longhorns on Dec. 1, 2012.

start when Collin Klein, Arthur Brown and company took the field on Sept. 1, 2012, to take on the Missouri State Bears. That 51-9 victory over the Bears was the start of an amazing journey for the football team, capped off with a Big 12 championship and a berth in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. While those players captured the heart of the Manhattan community, they weren't the only team achieving success in the fall.  
The K-State volleyball team, coming off a season that saw the biggest upset in school history en route to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA

tournament, brought back all but one of its members.  
A school-record 12-0 start had the Wildcats ranked No. 11 in the country entering Big 12 play. Led by the leadership of All-American candidate Kaitlynn Pelger, Kathleen Ludwig, Caitlyn Donahue and Alex Muff the team had its second consecutive 20-win season and made it back to the NCAA tournament.  
The fun for K-State fans was just beginning, as the next semester included some great performances



Emily DeShazer | Collegian  
The men's basketball team won its first conference championship in 36 years this season under first-year coach Bruce Weber.

on the hardwood, as well as a national championship appearance in equestrian.  
There were lots of fans wondering how the men's basketball team was going to be under new coach Bruce Weber, and the early start of the season created more questions. However, that all changed on Dec. 22, 2012.  
With eventual Elite Eight contestant Florida coming into the Sprint Center in Kansas City, the Wildcats got their first marquee victory under coach Weber, defeating the Gators 67-61 to instill confidence in the Wildcat faithful.  
That confidence grew as the Wildcats continued through Big 12 play, capping the regular season off with a share of the Big 12 title, their first conference title in 36 years.  
While the season did not end exactly the way that fans or the team wanted it to, the Wildcats showed that they will continue to make



Emily DeShazer | Collegian  
Led by senior Brittany Chambers, the women's basketball team made it to postseason play for the 11th time in 12 seasons.

some noise in the conference.  
Meanwhile, the K-State women's team was finishing off an impressive run of their own. Despite being severely outsized with only seven active players on their roster, the Wildcats competed in every single game and made an appearance in the WNIT, where Brittany Chambers took the team on an impressive ride.  
In the first round, Chambers scored a school-record 42 points over Texas Southern. Her strong play helped the Wildcats make a run to the Final Four of the WNIT, before falling to runner-up Utah.  
Chambers was drafted with the 22nd pick in the WNBA draft by the Los Angeles Sparks.  
The Wildcat equestrian team made a run to the national title, finishing as the National Reserve champion.  
Senior Hannah Ribera was named the Most Outstanding Player in horsemanship at the National Collegiate Equestrian Association championships.  
With the baseball team near the top of the Big 12 standings, the Wildcats have a chance to become the first Big 12 team ever to win championships in football, men's basketball and baseball in the same season.  
The K-State family has been successful this season, to say the least.

**Mark Kern is a senior in print journalism. Please send comments to [sports@kstatecollegian.com](mailto:sports@kstatecollegian.com).**

## K-State track team preps for Big 12 Championships in Waco

Adam Suderman  
staff writer

After hosting the conference meet one year ago, the K-State track and field team is heading down I-35 to Baylor this weekend for three days of competition at the Big 12 Outdoor Championships in Waco.  
The progress of the Wildcats' program has been steady, and the men's and women's teams will both have an opportunity to raise their scores from last year's meet.  
The Wildcat women will be facing not only Texas, the Big 12 defending champions, but also Kansas, which is ranked No. 2 in the nation.  
Led by Olympian and All-American sprinter Diamond Dixon, the Jayhawks will look to contend for the team title in Waco.  
"On the women's side, Texas again and Kansas will be competing for the championship much like indoors, and after that I think we are probably in the mix for fifth or sixth," said K-State head coach Cliff Rovelto. "The event the women will probably score in bunches is the heptathlon. Again, I think we have got some sprinters that can be in the mix. I think both relays should be very competitive. There's a lot of people who are going to be a factor in the meet."  
The heptathlon stands as one of the Wildcats' best spots for point accumulation, with juniors Merryl Mbeng and Erica Twiss, sophomores Sarah Kolmer and Joslyn Barnes and senior Richelle Farley all competing.  
K-State's women's team finished eighth in last year's conference meet and will likely be able to make a jump in standings this weekend.  
On the men's side, two teams currently rank in the top 20 nationally, including conference favorite Texas, which is ranked No. 8 in the U.S.

The Wildcats finished fourth last year and will look to finish even higher this season.  
"I think the men are going to be in a battle for second," Rovelto said. "The Texas men have a very good conference-level team. I'd be shocked if they didn't win the meet. I think ourselves, Texas Tech and Oklahoma on paper appear to be the

**"I think ourselves, Texas Tech and Oklahoma on paper appear to be the teams competing for two through four."**  
Cliff Rovelto  
Head coach, K-State track and field team

teams competing for two through four."  
Three Wildcat men will be entering the competition with top marks, including senior high jumper Erik Kynard and sophomore sprinter Carlos Rodriguez. In the 200-meter dash, Rodriguez holds a slight edge and will be looking to claim his first individual conference championship.  
Kynard will be entering the high jump competition along with junior college transfer Zack Riley. They finished in first and second place respectively in the indoor meets.  
If Kynard wins, the senior from Toledo, Ohio, will stand alone as the only high jumper to win three Big 12 outdoor titles.  
Action gets underway on Friday at noon at Hart-Patterson Track and Field Complex and will continue through the weekend.

## Maine transfer Edwards visits K-State

Mark Kern  
sports editor

With unexpected scholarships opening up due to the departures of Michael Orris, Adrian Diaz and Angel Rodriguez from the K-State men's basketball team, the Wildcats have an opportunity to sign one or two more players

in the future.  
Justin Edwards, who is transferring from Maine University, visited campus on Thursday as he looks for a new place to call home.  
Last season, Edwards averaged 16.7 points and 5.2 rebounds as a sophomore. He does a majority of damage getting

to the rim and would give the Wildcats a player who can create opportunities for himself and others in the future.  
Edwards is also considering Iowa State, Creighton and a host of other schools, and he will have to sit out a season before he is eligible to start playing under NCAA policy.



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Former Maine University basketball player **Justin Edwards** is considering K-State as a new home.

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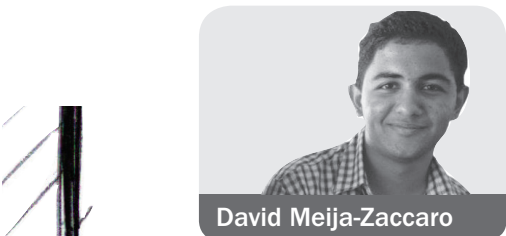
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# Sweatshops provide employment to poor; activists harming workers



David Mejia-Zaccaro

Sweatshops located in developing countries vastly benefit their employees and stimulate the host nation's economic growth. The popular

trend to join the anti-sweatshop craze that has infested the U.S. is a ridiculous, backward attempt to benefit the poor in ways that will actually hurt their physical and mental well-being.

The dreary arguments that fuel this statement are usually concerns for low-paying jobs with poor working conditions for workers abroad. The only problem with this logic is that it is only true if compared to American standards.

A June 1997 article from the New York Times by Allen Myerson, says that, according to

economists Jeffrey D. Sachs of Harvard and Paul Krugman of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "low-wage plants making clothing and shoes for foreign markets are an essential first step toward modern prosperity in developing countries."

Current nations that are attractive locations for sweatshops to open up are those that are, or have been, afflicted with a case of crappy government. They need jobs in order to eventually overcome their developmental deadlock.

For example, according to

the CIA World Factbook, the projected unemployment rates for Nicaragua, Haiti, Bangladesh, Honduras and the Commonwealth of Dominica were 7.4 percent, 40.6 percent, 5 percent, 4.5 percent and 23 percent, respectively. These gaping holes in the population's workforce mean that factories will employ hundreds of workers in a safer-than-the-alternative setting. This eliminates the public perception that people are coerced to work there against their will, even if the benefits they provide are not as good as they could or should be.

You can complain all you want, but the fact remains that these firms improve the quality of life for their employees just as much as they unabashedly reap the benefits of the dirt-cheap labor. In developing countries where the police are just as dangerous as the criminals they pursue and cocaine is an acceptable form of bribe payment to politicians, job alternatives to the helplessly poor are narrow.

According to a Jan. 13, 2012, article in the Dartmouth by Jayant Subrahmanyam, Suffolk University economics professor Benjamin Powell agrees that even if a salary from working 12-hour shifts in the hot sun is higher than doing menial labor indoors, workers usually prefer the "sweatshop" option where lunch breaks, bathrooms and safer work environments are available.

"It is important to keep in mind that a lot of the alternatives they face are worse than sweatshops, and there is even a status difference of moving inside compared to working outside in the sun," Powell said. "These aren't the jobs that are jeopardizing the country, these are the good jobs."

Felipe Romero, a sweatshop employee, agrees. Romero is an employee of Rio Garment S. de R.L., a full-service apparel manufacturer that qualifies as a "sweatshop," located in San

Pedro Sula, Honduras.

Romero said that securing a job with this company, which produces brands including Aeropostale and Phillips-Van Heusen and supplies retailers such as Macy's, Kohl's, J.C. Penney, Sears and Target, altered his lifestyle for good

"It's almost insane on how this [job] changed the way I live," Romero said. "Granted, there are an innumerable amount of things I would like to see changed, but the moment those [Americans] shut us down, I may have to resort to things I've done in the past that I'm not proud of."

The mentality that reprimands these industries is the product of a skewed and ignorant observation that fails to acknowledge that life in other countries is not as sweet and fair as it is in the U.S. The misguided feeling of humanitarian responsibility that has afflicted Americans in recent years shows that their intentions are as painfully moronic as they are well-intended.

When protests and public pressure from politicians and blinded individuals push retailers and manufacturers against the wall, those corporations are forced to take action. The sad part is that they are not going to increase wages and pretty up their premises — they will simply pack their stuff and move, leaving thousands unemployed.

With their first and best option gone, these unemployed workers turn to less desirable jobs like subsistence farming, stone-working, janitorial work and prostitution. According to UNICEF's report "The State of the World's Children 1997" by Carol Bellamy, the executive director of UNICEF at the time of publication, sometimes these newly turned prostitutes are children who see no other choice but to sacrifice their innocence to make a living.

So the next time you feel that blind impulse of consumer responsibility to stand up for those who cannot, think of all of the children whose lives you'd be permanently scarring.

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## LETTER TO EDITOR

# Bible does not condone domestic violence

To the editor:

Charlotte Graham's article "Christian ideals can contribute to acceptance of domestic violence" raises the notion that because Christianity teaches love, humility and forgiveness people being abused should forgive them and keep silent. As a Christian and a social work major, I find numerous things wrong with this article.

I have worked with foster children and adults who have been abused. The last thing I would say to these people is "forgive your abuser and put up with it." The horror of abuse can shatter a person's confidence to the point where they do not feel like a respectable human.

The Bible has harsh words for people who mistreat others. 1 Corinthians calls these people "wolves in sheep's clothing" and "not true believers." The idea that an abused person should remain silent because they should keep forgiving their abuser goes against Romans 6:1. "What shall we say then? Shall we keep on sinning so grace may abound? By no means!"

The minute a person starts manipulating God's grace for their own personal gain, they are devaluing the relationship they have with God. Christianity teaches that Christ died for all, and when you accept what he did for you, you will have a new life. Christians are LOVED. Loved radically by a forgiving God who saves, redeems, restores and provides for ALL.

Graham says radical humility means, "having the mindset that everyone else is more important than you; that you are below everyone." According to this definition, humility means, "Everyone is better than me; I am worthless." This mindset does not lead to a life of humility but rather a life of self-humiliation. Humility is not having a low opinion of yourself but rather having an accurate opinion of yourself. Humble people are VALUED by God.

Charlotte uses Ephesians 5:22-24 and the first four words of verse 25 to state that if a woman is married to her abuser, she should be submissive because the husband is the head of household. Charlotte fails to use verses 26-29 in which Christ calls men to make their wives holy, clean, radiant, blameless and to love their wives as their own bodies.

These verses do not support abuse; they show the standard that God has made for marriage. A standard that promotes teamwork not domination over the other person.

Patrick Hines  
senior in social work

# Consumers responsible for acceptance of sweatshops



Logan Faletti

Corporations have consistently chosen profits over people for more than a century, since decades before the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire in 1911. Fires, disease and on-the-job accidents have claimed the lives of countless factory workers worldwide.

While many wealthy corporations have enough power to keep workers in poor conditions, we as consumers ultimately decide whether their products succeed on the market. The responsibility to decrease sweatshop labor therefore lies with the people.

But it isn't as simple as just boycotting brands. For students and those working part-time, the idea of skipping H&M for American Apparel is hard to swallow. H&M, while popular in the United States, is actually the biggest importer of textiles from Bangladesh — the country with the lowest minimum wage for garment workers in the world, according to the Institute for Global Labour and Human Rights. Reports have come from multiple factories listing human rights violations, such as payment below minimum wage, unpaid or incorrectly paid overtime, living spaces infested with bedbugs, limited bathroom and food breaks, sexual assault by supervisors and death.

Reducing the power of sweatshops calls for a reduction in product that we buy. Simply not purchasing as many items of clothing as usual can impact the sales of a corporation. The stores that have the lowest prices are the worst offenders: Kohl's, Sears, Dillard's and even J.C. Penney have shady track records of sourcing garments from factories with labor violations, according to [greenamerica.org](http://greenamerica.org).

Buying used clothing at Goodwill, Disabled American Veterans thrift stores and even local outlets like Grand Ol' Trunk and Rockstar and Rogers will reduce the amount of clothing produced by reducing demand for brand-new products. Additionally, would-be consumers could instead utilize "clothing swaps" — sharing unwanted clothes with a group of friends to expand options for everyone involved.



Illustration by Parker Wilhelm

Even on K-State's campus, Career and Employment Services holds regular "career closets" to give away business-wear to students for free. For the most adventurous of consumers, buying whole cloth to make homemade clothes or purchasing damaged clothing that can be repaired is also an option.

When you do feel the need for new clothing, using a responsible retailer is key. The Responsible Shopper website, hosted by [greenamerica.org](http://greenamerica.org), lists companies that have had labor disputes in the past and can help concerned consumers decide where to buy their clothes.

Labels and stamps on clothing can indicate the labor used; the Union of Needletrades Industrial and Textile Employees label signifies the right of the workers of that company to form unions and trade associations that can bargain for better rights with companies. This signifies a much higher standard of production than the ambiguous "Made in China."

To be practical, it is probably not

possible to buy all of your clothing through fair trade providers right out of the gate. A good starting goal would be to guarantee that a set number of clothing purchases made within the year are fair trade.

Yet consumer culture itself is opposed to this, because shopping is often a social activity. Clothes have long been a symbol of status within society. For some in the community, limiting their clothing limits their status. We can't deny the sociological aspect of buying less.

But some status can be recovered by offsetting the decrease in quantity with an increase in quality. One well-made, if more expensive, garment is more likely to be ethically made and fairly traded. If consumers decided to buy only these kinds of pieces, their wardrobe would decrease in size over time, while its quality would increase.

The status would shift

from the variety of clothing owned to the quality of clothing owned. In this way, people could retain the social impact of the clothes they wear while benefiting companies that obey labor laws, reduce pollution caused by manufacturing and treat their workers with dignity.

The owners of sweatshops and the partners in corporations know what they are doing is wrong. If they even check the status of those manufacturing their products, the glance is cursory at best, ignoring violations that may be too large or costly to fix. We as the consumers of their products need to stand up for those who work in these conditions, especially when those people would risk loss of wages or jobs when they stand up for themselves.

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## BLOTTER | Arrest reports

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**Stephen Lamar Cunningham Jr.**, of Fort Riley, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$750.

**Deborah Sue Bedard**, of the 1300 block of Roever Road, was booked for criminal use of a financial card and theft of lost or mislaid property. Bond was set at \$1,000.

**Jahmell Daniel Voisin**, of the 500 block of Colorado Street, was booked for failure to appear. No bond was listed.

**Darren William Oettinger**, of Leonardville, Kan., was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

**Lisa Marie Hill**, of Lawrence, was booked for two counts of failure to appear and probation violation. Bond was set at \$199.

**Sean Thomas Sullivan**, of the 1900 block of College Heights Road, was booked for two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$1,000.

**Antonio Darnell Amos**, of the 300 block of Brooklawn Drive, was booked for sale or distribution of hallucinogens and unlawful possession of hallucinogens. Bond was set at \$5,000.

**Darreen Demario Starks**, of the 1200 block of Vattier Street, was booked for unlawful possession of hallucinogens and driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$2,000.

**Zachery Ryan Burch**, of Ogdon, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Compiled by Katie Goerl

## PROF | Stone: Chechen violence has diminished in recent years

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head of Chechnya, Ramzan Kadyrov, wants to separate Chechnya from the Boston tragedy in the public eye.

"No government wants to be on record as supporting terrorism," Stone said. "He is in power in Chechnya essentially to keep things quiet for the Russians. So he does not want anything that looks like instability or recurrence of this level of violence that we had before. So it's very much in his interest to treat what happened in Boston as having nothing to do with him, nothing to do with Chechnya, that what happened to these two young men happened in America."

Chechnya, a republic of Russia that has been granted autonomy, has a violent history with Russia. The Chechens and Russians have fought two wars as a result of Chechnya's independence movement.

Stone said that during the two wars, many Chechens left Chechnya as refugees, and that was when some became radicalized.

It was 2009 when Russia and Chechnya finally reached an agreement to end hostilities. The terms of those agreements included autonomy but not full independence for Chechnya. Russia also financially assists

Chechnya in rebuilding the country, which has led a number of refugees to return.

Because of the recent years of peace, many refugees have returned to Chechnya, Stone said, and according to his presentation, violent incidents in Chechnya have decreased significantly.

"Chechnya itself is quite calm," Stone said. "The Russian government has been able to find Chechens it can work with, it's providing an awful lot of money to keep the population there satisfied, and it's giving a free hand to the president of Chechnya in order to let him maintain order."

Crayton Caswell, senior in history and president of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, the group that sponsored the lecture, said Stone's presentation was very important and timely.

"I think it is very important what he had to say," Caswell said. "How everything mixes into the question of terrorism internationally, and how the Muslim cause and the Chechen cause might have some ties. It gives you a lot more understanding of the situation. It's important to know what the history of the area is. It's extremely helpful to know how something like the Boston bombings could have happened."

## HALO | New sauce in the works

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a Colorado salsa company. The finished product, according to the jar, has a "sweet mild taste" and is "seasoned with spices original to the lush tropics of ancient Mesoamerica."

The salsa comes in a 16-ounce jar and costs \$5. Mejia-Zaccaro explained that the non-profit organization has an agreement with the company producing the salsa to receive a donation of 50 cents for every jar sold.

Mejia-Zaccaro said he is testing hot sauces now in preparation for branding a HALO hot sauce.

Three students completed a blind taste test to compare the taste of the HALO salsa with three other popular salsas — Tostitos,

Pace and salsa from La Fiesta restaurant. All three students ranked the HALO salsa as third, but higher than Tostitos, which is the only other salsa sold at Cats' Den.

"The corn was interesting," said Giselle Gamba, junior in biology. "It was weird, but I liked it. It was a little too sweet."

Macario Benavides, senior in Spanish and secondary education, said he was interested in buying the salsa to support a K-State organization.

"I would definitely pay the extra \$2 for the HALO salsa over Tostitos," Benavides said.

*Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.*

## BRIEFS | Brownback challenged on gun law

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killed the man who has not yet been identified. CNN affiliate KHOU reported the man walked into the terminal and fired two shots into the ceiling with a semiautomatic rifle.

**U.S. attorney general tells Brownback new gun law is unconstitutional**

According to the Wichita Eagle, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said the new Kansas state gun law, called the Second Amendment Protection Act, is unconstitutional. The law states that guns made in Kansas are immune from federal regulations inside the state.

The law was passed by both chambers of the Kansas Legislature and was signed last month by Gov. Sam Brownback. House lawmakers approved the act in a 96-24 vote, while the Senate approved it in a 35-4 vote.

In his letter sent to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Wichita, Holder cited the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution and stated that Kansas may not prevent federal employees and officials from carrying out their responsibilities. In the letter, he also wrote that federal agencies "will continue to execute their duties to enforce all federal firearms laws and regulations."

**Two administrators recognized for service to K-State students**

Two K-State employees received the Putting Students First Award for their commitment and outstanding work with students. The winners are Kent Kerby, assistant director of undergraduate affairs for the Division of Biology, and Kiley Moody, coordinator with new student services.

The award recognizes K-State faculty or staff members who go the extra mile in advising, teaching and service to students. The recipients were nominated by their peers, supervisors and students.

Kerby has served his current position since 2007 and holds a variety of responsibilities. For example, Kerby advises more than 250 biology students and hosts all prospective freshman who wish to enter the biology program.

Moody has been a coordinator with new student services since 2010. She organizes orientation and enrollment activities for approximately 10,000 new and transfer students and coordinates Wildcat Warm-up.

**K-State-Salina team breaks top 20 at automotive competition**

K-State-Salina's Baja SAE team finished in the top 20 at the international Tennessee Tech Baja SAE competition in Cookeville, Tenn., for the first time ever. The event was hosted by Tennessee Technological University from April 18-21.

"The goal for competitions is to design and build a Baja car that is affordable, efficient and can survive and perform against the harsh conditions of the tracks at competition," said Trevor Baker, senior in mechanical engineering technology, according to a K-State press release.

The K-State Salina team finished 18th overall out of 100 teams competing, and finished fifth in the sled pull event and 10th in the suspension and traction category.

The team will also compete in June at the Baja SAE Rochester, hosted by Rochester Institute of Technology, in Rochester, N.Y.

## MULTI | K-State 'only school in the Big 12' without multicultural student center

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American Leadership Organization, the Black Student Union, the Native American Student Association and the Asian American Student Union.

Most students use the MSO office when their schedule permits.

"I do homework in between classes," said Justice Davis, member of BSU and freshman in business administration.

The office is a place for students to meet and ex-

change ideas with other students with similar backgrounds.

"The way we've structured our meetings have made the office less of a meeting place," said David Mejia-Zaccaro, president of HALO and junior in business management. "It's more of a checkpoint when coordinating events that are within walking distance of the Union."

Elizabeth Yang, president of the Asian American Student Union and senior in business administration,

uses the office about once a week to plan for meetings.

"Due to my school and work schedule, I use the MSO office for about one to two hours," Yang said.

The office houses K-State's many multicultural student organization in lieu of a larger center. K-State has no center that is devoted to the needs of multicultural students and organizations.

"K-State is the only school in the Big 12 Conference that doesn't have a center for the multicultural students," Clark said.

**Other organizations housed in the K-State Student Union's MSO office include:**

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Recommendations were also given to Jenny Barriga, junior in chemistry, as recipient of a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, as well as to Kyle Snow, senior in chemical engineering, and Brianne Pierce, junior in microbiology, for earning honorable mention. Barriga is the 69th K-State student to receive this honor. The award recognizes outstanding scholars in the field of science, math and engineering and had over 1,100 applicants this year.

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# Art never sleeps: students stay late to finish projects



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Final works from Sarika Brinkman, junior in metalsmithing, rest upon on newspaper to dry at her workstation. Brinkman and other Ceramics 1 students worked on their final projects in Willard Hall on Thursday night. Many students like Brinkman spent the evening working on their final projects for art classes in their Willard studios.



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Kelli Janzen, junior in graphic design, uses a pottery wheel on Thursday night in Willard Hall. "For me it's getting the weight at the bottom," Janzen said about throwing pottery.



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Billy Lainez, sophomore in photography, works on making prints in the dark room of Willard Hall on Thursday night. Lainez, who had been in Willard since 3:25 p.m. Thursday, was working for his final project in his Photography 1 class.



Evert Nelson | Collegian

Photographs of students with different props take up room on the third story wall of Willard Hall on Thursday night. Willard Hall houses the department of art, and many K-State art students spend late nights working on projects there.

## STATS | Local groups aid families

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supports families who need help with budget counseling, referrals and financial support. Last year, the organization used more than \$136,000 to help families with their rent and utility bills.

"Last year, we assisted close to 1,000 families with rent, utilities and prescriptions," Olson said. "Some of these are also repeats of families we helped previously in the same year."

The Flint Hills Breadbasket is another nonprofit organization that serves local families. It provides free food to low-income families and, like Shepherd's Crossing, the Breadbasket has also seen an increase in the number of people who need assistance.

"We have doubled over the last few years in the amount of people we have helped," said Maribeth Kieffer, executive director of the Breadbasket.

Many factors contribute to

the situation of families who are living below the poverty line, including a poor national economy, lack of local employment opportunities, costly health problems and the need to support dependent family members.

Lieutenant Kirsten Aho, Corps Officer for the Manhattan Salvation Army, said that individuals need to understand the impact of poverty, no matter what the cause may be.

"Regardless of who is responsible, whether it's the government, your family or the community at large, there is a breakdown somewhere," Aho said. "Something is wrong; people are not being taken care of effectively."

In addition to Shepherd's Crossing, the Breadbasket and the Salvation Army, there are several other organizations that come together to help those families below the poverty line, including Manhattan Emergency Shel-

ter, United Way, Low Income Energy Assistance Program and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

These nonprofit organizations and government-funded programs support low-income families no matter what the cause of their situation may be. They provide services that can help pay for bills, assist in financial counseling and supply the families with items for essential needs.

Although government-funded programs like LIEAP and SNAP have federal assistance to provide for others, nonprofit organizations are solely based off donations and run on a volunteer basis.

Aho said that it is important that citizens become aware of the situations of their neighbors, and that individuals donate when possible and volunteer to alleviate the effects of poverty.

"Poverty is bigger than any one person," Aho said.



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